

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A sole for an article of footwear to be used on a sand surface comprising, in combination:

a sole having an upper surface and a lower surface;

a peripheral lip projecting downwardly and outwardly from the lower surface and extending about the entire periphery of the lower surface; and

a plurality of fins projecting downwardly from the lower surface, at least some of the fins angled rearwardly from the lower surface, and at least some of the fins extending transversely across substantially an entire width of the lower surface; and

an inner lip projecting downwardly and outwardly from the lower surface and spaced inwardly of the peripheral lip such that a recess is formed between the peripheral lip and the inner lip, the inner lip extending around a heel portion of the sole.

Claim 2. (Canceled)

Claim 3. (Withdrawn) The sole of claim 1, wherein all of the fins are angled rearwardly from the lower surface.

Claim 4. (Withdrawn) The sole of claim 1, wherein some of the fins are angled forwardly from the lower surface.

Claim 5. (Canceled)

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) The sole of ~~claim 5~~ claim 1, wherein a portion of the recess is filled.

Claim 7. (Original) The sole of claim 1, wherein the sole is formed of a compressible material.

Claim 8. (Original) The sole of claim 7, wherein the compressible material is ethyl vinyl acetate.

Claim 9. (Original) The sole of claim 1, wherein outer edges of the fins are angled inwardly from the lower surface.

Claim 10. (Withdrawn) The sole of claim 1, further comprising a slit formed in a toe portion of the sole, the slit extending from a front edge of the sole toward a heel portion of the sole.

Claim 11. (Withdrawn) The sole of claim 10, wherein the slit is positioned between a portion of the sole configured to support a big toe of a wearer and a portion of the sole configured to support a second toe of a wearer.

Claim 12. (Withdrawn) The sole of claim 10, wherein a plurality of the fins positioned rearwardly of the slit comprise a first segment and a second segment spaced apart from one another by a gap.

Claim 13. (Withdrawn) The sole of claim 12, wherein the gap is aligned with the slit.

Claim 14. (Withdrawn) The sole of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of grooves formed in a lower surface of the peripheral lip.

Claim 15. (Withdrawn) The sole of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of indentations formed in an outer edge peripheral lip.

Claim 16. (Withdrawn) The sole of claim 1, further comprising

a pair of lateral indentations formed in a lateral edge of the forward portion of the sole;

a pair of medial indentations formed in a medial edge of the forward portion of the sole;

and

a pair of transverse gaps separating, each transverse gap extending between a lateral indentation and an opposed medial indentation and spacing apart the fins positioned forwardly of the corresponding lateral and medial indentations.

Claim 17. (Withdrawn) The sole of claim 1, wherein at least one of the fins extends substantially parallel to a longitudinal axis of the sole.

Claim 18. (Withdrawn) The sole of claim 1, wherein the sole is formed of a first portion and a second portion, the fins being part of the first portion and the peripheral lip being part of the second portion.

Claim 19. (Withdrawn) The sole of claim 18, wherein the first portion has a different color than the second portion.

Claim 20. (Withdrawn) The sole of claim 18, wherein the first portion is formed of a first material and the second portion is formed of a second material different than the first material.

Claim 21. (Currently Amended) An article of footwear for sand surfaces comprising, in combination:

an upper; and

a sole secured to the upper having a lower surface, a peripheral lip projecting downwardly and outwardly from the lower surface and extending about the entire periphery of the sole, and a plurality of downwardly projecting fins, at least some of the fins angled rearwardly from the sole, and at least some of the fins extending transversely across substantially an entire width of the lower surface; and

an inner lip projecting downwardly and outwardly from the lower surface of the sole and spaced inwardly of the peripheral lip such that a recess is formed between the peripheral lip and the inner lip, the inner lip extending around a heel portion of the sole.

Claim 22. (Canceled)

Claim 23. (Withdrawn) The article of footwear of claim 21, wherein all of the fins are angled rearwardly from the sole.

Claim 24. (Withdrawn) The article of footwear of claim 21, wherein some of the fins are angled forwardly from the sole.

Claim 25. (Canceled)

Claim 26. (Currently Amended) The article of footwear of ~~claim 25~~ claim 21, wherein a portion of the recess is filled.

Claim 27. (Original) The article of footwear of claim 21, wherein the sole is formed of a compressible material.

Claim 28. (Original) The article of footwear of claim 27, wherein the compressible material is ethyl vinyl acetate.

Claim 29. (Original) The article of footwear of claim 21, wherein outer edges of the fins are angled inwardly from the sole.

Claim 30. (Withdrawn) The article of footwear of claim 21, further comprising a slit formed in a toe portion of the sole, the slit extending from a front edge of the sole toward a heel portion of the sole.

Claim 31. (Withdrawn) The article of footwear of claim 30, wherein the slit is positioned between a portion of the sole configured to support a big toe of a wearer and a portion of the sole

configured to support a second toe of a wearer.

Claim 32. (Withdrawn) The article of footwear of claim 30, wherein a plurality of the fins positioned rearwardly of the slit comprise a first segment and a second segment spaced apart from one another by a gap

Claim 33. (Withdrawn) The article of footwear of claim 32, wherein the gap is aligned with the slit.

Claim 34. (Withdrawn) The article of footwear of claim 21, further comprising a plurality of grooves formed in a lower surface of the peripheral lip.

Claim 35. (Withdrawn) The article of footwear of claim 21, further comprising a plurality of indentations formed in an outer edge peripheral lip.

Claim 36. (Withdrawn) The article of footwear of claim 21, further comprising
a pair of lateral indentations formed in a lateral edge of the forward portion of the sole;
a pair of medial indentations formed in a medial edge of the forward portion of the sole;
and
a pair of transverse gaps separating, each transverse gap extending between a lateral indentation and an opposed medial indentation and spacing apart the fins positioned forwardly of the corresponding lateral and medial indentations.

Claim 37. (Withdrawn) The article of footwear of claim 21, wherein at least one of the fins extends substantially parallel to a longitudinal axis of the sole.

Claim 38. (Withdrawn) The article of footwear of claim 21, wherein the sole is formed of a first portion and a second portion, the fins being part of the first portion and the peripheral lip being part of the second portion.

Claim 39. (Withdrawn) The sole of claim 38, wherein the first portion has a different color than the second portion.

Claim 40. (Withdrawn) The sole of claim 38, wherein the first portion is formed of a first material and the second portion is formed of a second material different than the first material.

Claim 41. (Withdrawn) A sole for an article of footwear to be used on a sand surface comprising, in combination:

a sole of compressible material having an upper surface and a lower surface;

a peripheral lip projecting downwardly and outwardly from the lower surface;

a plurality of grooves formed in a lower surface of the peripheral lip in a forward portion of the sole;

an inner lip projecting downwardly and outwardly from the lower surface around a heel portion of the sole, and spaced inwardly of the peripheral lip such that a recess is formed between the peripheral lip and the inner lip, a portion of the recess being filled with the compressible material;

a slit formed in a toe portion of the sole, the peripheral lip forming opposed walls of the slit, the slit being positioned between a portion of the sole configured to support a big toe of a wearer and a portion of the sole configured to support a second toe of a wearer;

a plurality of transversely extending fins projecting downwardly and rearwardly from the lower surface of the sole, the slit dividing some of the fins into first and second segments spaced apart from one another by a longitudinal gap, the longitudinal gap being aligned with the slit;

a pair of lateral indentations formed in a lateral edge of the forward portion of the sole;

a pair of medial indentations formed in a medial edge of the forward portion of the sole;

and

a pair of transverse gaps separating, each transverse gap extending between a lateral indentation and an opposed medial indentation and spacing apart the fins positioned forwardly of the corresponding lateral and medial indentations.